

## A POEM FOR CHILDREN

When I cheat  
I diminish myself  
& each living thing  
suffers a little.  
I learned this truth  
by listening whole  
heartedly to my Mother.  
Yet there are times  
I feel helpless  
& cut corners  
anyway.

## MASTERPIECE

Sitting on toilet  
admire in awe  
this engineering  
masterpiece lifting  
twisting turning  
toenails up to  
be clipped.

## DINK

Getting scrubbed in  
bathtub fascinated  
by weird little  
thing bobbing in  
soapy water asked  
what's that pointing  
& Mom answered  
easily your penis.  
Oh I said  
unimpressed  
attention returning  
to my painted  
rubber duck.